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SUBJECT: JUNE 23 ISRAELI PRESS ON ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN
NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY: ISRAELI PRSS REPORTS THAT ISRAEL'S DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT ARE TO BE PRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR EILTS TO GOE. PRESS QUOTES PM RABIN AS TELLING CABINET MEETING (JUNE 22) THAT ISRAEL WILL RECEIVE EGYPT'S REPLY BY THE END OF THE WEEK. WHILE SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS SPECULATE OPTIMISTICALLY ON OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS, OTHERS EMPHASIZE UNCERTAINTY AND POINT OUT THAT WASHINGTON THINKS THAT ISRAELI CONCESSIONS ARE INSUFFICIENT(MAARIV-HARIF) END SUMMARY.

2. HAARETZ(GOLAN) REPORTS THAT PM RABIN, IN HIS BRIEF REPORT TO CABINET ON JUNE 22, SAID THAT " BY THE END OF WEEK ISRAEL WILL KNOW EGYPT'S
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REPLY TO ISRAELI PROPOSALS..." ACCORDING TO

GOLAN , RABIN TOLD CABINET THAT WASHINGTON TRANSMITTED THE PROPOSALS TO CAIRO BUT HE (RABIN) DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE US " HAS MADE ANY REMARKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSALS..." HAARETZ (MARGALIT) REPORTS THAT AFTER THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL WAS TRANSMITTED TO US REPRESENTATIVES, SOURCES IN WASHINGTON SAID THAT " IT INCREASED THE UNDERSTANDING WHICH PM RABIN FOUND IN WASHINGTON FOR HIS POSITION... IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE ISRAELI POSITION REGARDING FUTURE OF GIDI PASS WAS NOT RESULT OF AN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE...IT SEEMS THAT THE DECISION REGARDING THE FATE OF AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT WILL BE MADE THIS WEEK--IF THERE WILL BE AN " INTERESTING" EGYPTIAN REPLY TO THE CLARIFICATIONS WHICH AMBASSADOR EILTS WILL PRESENT..."

3. DAVAR(ESHED) REPORTS THAT " THE EVALUATION IN JERUSALEM AT THIS STAGE IS THAT...THE TALKS WILL NOT REACH A DEADLOCK, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY COME VERY CLOSE TO IT AND CONTINUE IN VARIOUS FORMS UNTIL THE END OF JULY OR THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST...IN THE MEANTIME PREPARATIONS FOR A WIDE-SCALE PUBLIC-RELATIONS CAMPAIGN ARE UNDERWAY IN CASE THE TALKS UNEXPECTEDLY FAIL, SHOULD IT BECOME CLEAR THAT THE EGYPTIANS HAVE DECIDED TO ADAPT AN EXTREME POSITION..." ESHED ADDS THAT ALTHOUGH THE EGYPTIANS REJECTED THE FORMER ISRAELI OFFER(IN MARCH)" JERUSALEM DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE EGYPTIANS WILL ACCEPT THE (LATEST) ISRAEL PROPOSAL, EVEN WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS, IN ORDER TO GAIN THE SYMPATHY OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION..."

4. MAARIV(HARIF) REPORTS THAT RABIN TOLD CABINET THAT ACCORDING TO THE AMERICANS " NEW ISRAELI CONCESSIONS WERE INSUFFICIENT. THE OFFICIAL ISRAELI PROPOSAL (SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSMITTED TO CAIRO) WERE IDENTICAL TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSALS MADE BY PM RABIN DURING THIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON,..." AFTER LISTING GOI'S PROPOSALS, HARIF ADDS THAT " I CAN BE ASSUMED THAT US ATTEMPTED TO RECEIVE FROM ISRAEL IN ADVANCE MORE GENEROUS CONCESSIONS-- FOR EXAMPLE, GIVING UP ALL THE POSSESSIONS-- BUT IN THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO EGYPT THE GOVERNMENT REPEATS THE POSITION EXPRESSED BY THE PRIME MINISTER --I.E., MAINTAINING THE

EASERN PART OF THEPASSES IN THE HANDS OF
ISRAEL..."

5. YEDIOT (ZIMUKI KIVITI), REPORTS THAT " IT
SEEMS THA THE MAIN ARGUMENT WILL BE CENTERED
ON THE ISRAELI DEMAND TO KEEP THE EASTERN PART
OF THE PASSES... ANDALSO ON THE DURATION OF
THE AGREEMENT...SO FAR NO REAL MOVEMENT IN
THE EGYPTAIN POSITIN IS NOTICED...ALTHOUGH
THE AMERICANS KEEP ON REPEATING THAT SADAT IS
READY TO MAKE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS. THE AMERICANS
BELEIVE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE AN
EGYPTAIN AGREEMENT TO A 4-YEAR DURATION.
THEY ALSO BELIEVE THATEGYPT WILL FINALLY AGREE
TO AN ISRALI PRESENCE IN TH EASTERN PART OF
THE PASSES. BUT AT THIS STAGE CONDITIONS FOR
A SETTLEMENT ARE NOT YET RIPE..."
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